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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **S.M.A.R.T. Initiative**

San Antonio is a growing city with a growing need for more police officers. Since it will take time to increase the number of police officers, the San Antonio Police Department must be more efficient in deploying every police officer. The SMART Initiative (Strategic Management for Accelerated Response Times) will allow police officers more time for patrols and to be available to respond to more serious calls.

Effective immediately, the San Antonio Police Department will now:

- Allow citizens to submit certain types of reports via the internet. Citizens will receive a response by e-mail with a case number.
- Expand the list of N-Codes. These codes are pre-formatted reports used by police officers to document a variety of incidents. Every police response requires a written report. This action would reduce the time to write reports.
- No longer write reports for minor traffic accidents meeting certain criteria.
- Eliminate response to calls for situations that contain no breach of peace and/or where no criminal intent is present. Some of these situations are listed as follows:
  - Animal calls that do not pose an imminent threat to public safety
  - Calls to apartment complexes for enforcing house rules
  - Code compliance calls
  - Calls for misbehaving children
  - Civil matters where there is no breach of peace.
  - Private property accidents (non-intoxicated driver) without injury

The SMART Initiative could significantly reduce calls to which officers respond over the course of a year. The time saved by freeing officers from handling the calls would result in more officers being available to respond to emergency calls, and response times would improve.

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